

Madam Chairman and members of the City Council. My name is Annastasia Walker, and I am the Executive Director of the Office of Public Safety Administration.

Please allow me to introduce my staff.

- Sitting next to me is Frank Lindbloom, the 1st Deputy Director
- Next is Erik Colon, Managing Deputy of Finance and Administration
- Next is Sarontay Smith is the Deputy Director of Finance
- Dan Casey is the Managing Deputy of IT
- Joel Brown is the Deputy Director of General Support
- Bob Landowski is the Managing Deputy of HR and Medical
- Natalie Gutierrez is the Deputy Director of Public Safety Grants
- Next is Tenaya Williams who serves as the PSA's General Counsel
- Dana Dedina is the Deputy Director of Human Resources
- Will Ramey, Director of Information Services

The Office of Public Safety Administration is pleased to be here today to discuss our 2022 budget.

As the Executive Director, it is my goal to report on the work this department has accomplished and our future goals for the Office of Public Safety Administration, a department that is just 19 months old.

Since its inception, the Office of Public Safety Administration has been tasked with reducing costs where appropriate, finding efficiencies, and improving administrative functions throughout public safety during these challenging, fiscal times.

Under the leadership of Mayor Lightfoot and with your support, the Office of Public Safety Administration will continue utilizing the most of technology, searching for and developing new and innovative ways to reduce costs, and finding efficiencies through shared services.

Chicagoans can be confident knowing the Office of Public Safety Administration will be firm in its approach to achieving this goal, while remaining respectful of the important job for which each of our public safety departments is responsible.

In the last 19 months, the Office of Public Safety Administration has made some very tangible progress:

- We have returned 67 police officers to police duties, and we are on task to return 83 more by the end of the year
- We eliminated 500 unused mobile lines that resulted in a monthly savings of \$60,000, canceled over 400 data circuits that resulted in a monthly savings of \$40,000 and canceled redundant contractual costs that resulted in savings of \$720,000
- We improved and streamlined accounts receivable and payable workflow
- We received 2600 new radios and deployed them in accordance with CPD's priorities
- We hired a new Chief Medical Director to provide medical services to CFD and CPD so returning sworn members is more efficiently
- We rolled out an electronic Tuition Reimbursement program for CPD
- We continue to oversee CPD Consent Decree requirements related to recruitment, hiring, promotions and technology

As we all are aware, local governments continue to be examined in the way services are delivered, in addition to the expectation of being responsible fiduciaries.

Implementing shared services within any organization can be a challenge and it is no different for city government.

Add to that, the extreme challenges of a pandemic, along with varying work hours and teleworking. But we must never lose sight of the importance of adopting new and innovative approaches in delivering these vital services that may cause some growing pains and cultural and structural changes in the way we do future business.

One way we have achieved this is by establishing the Office of Public Safety Administration Supplier Diversity Program that has only one goal: increasing diversity and MBE/WBE in future PSA contracting functionality.

The PSA takes this responsibility seriously and hopes to assist small businesses in overcoming some of the barriers and challenges with doing business with Chicago's public safety departments.

It is our goal to maximize small business participation in local government contracting. To that end, here are a few examples of the efforts we are, or will be taking on, in 2022:

- We hosted an event in September that featured educational sessions and "matchmaking" efforts between prime contractors and small businesses to help small businesses expand their access to contracting opportunities. While this was a virtual event due to COVID, we are poised to host another in-person event in second quarter of 2022;
- We started a pilot program with the Department of Finance to create a better invoicing process for vendors;
- Because we did not enter into any contracts on our own in 2021, we will be providing information on future bids and specifications far in advance, thus allowing smaller businesses time to develop relationships, get set up in the City system and compile proposals; and,
- We will make contracts more accessible to small vendors by breaking out services whenever possible.

As Executive Director, it is my ongoing objective to continue to execute the Office of Public Safety Administration's mission through the hard and exemplary work of the staff present here today.

We are a young department with a lot of room for growth and innovation. But I am very pleased with what we've accomplished in this short period of time.

I wholeheartedly believe that this model of shared government services, across Public Safety Departments, will be a model for other municipalities.

Finally, we will continue to make efficient use of all city resources and build on the progress the PSA has already made. I, along with my staff, am prepared to answer your questions at this time. Thank you.